



Regents Reform Agenda

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Monthly Board Update

April 4, 2011



State Activities: Standards and Assessments

Accomplishments

- Board of Regents adopted the New York State P-12 Common Core learning Standards: ELA/Literacy, Math and Pre K.
- Analyzed the 43 submissions to the RFI for development of RFP for ELA and Mathematics Statewide Curriculum and Instructional Services.
- Hired Director of Curriculum Services, Gladys Cruz. Hired Kate Gerson, Regents Research Fellow for Common Core Implementation.
- Board, Staff and Fellows hosted regional graduation requirements/flexibility forums in Buffalo, Rochester, the Capital region, Long Island, Ithaca, Syracuse, NYC, and Lake Placid.

Work Underway

- Curriculum Staff and Fellows preparing for launch of Common Core in 2011-12.
- Fellows and Assessment Team developing transition plan for 2012-2013 alignment of the 3-8 assessments and Regents exams to the NYS Common Core Standards.
- Curriculum Staff and Fellows continue to support State's involvement in PARCC assessment design.



State Activities: Data Systems

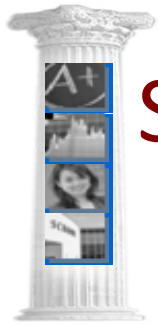
Presentation to Regents during May meeting

Accomplishments

- Finalized 2011-12 data model for instructional data collection.
- One-on-one discussions with management system vendors on instructional data collection specifications.
- Fellows performed analysis of Section B and D needs for data and instructional improvement system.
- Hired Data Director, Jeff Baker.

Work Underway

- Data portal/instructional reporting system requirements and procurement.
- Continue to develop protocols for higher education and P-20 data system expansion.
- Provide guidance to field on teacher of record and instructional reporting requirements.
- Development of Statewide Common Course Catalogue to support instructional reporting.



State Activities: Great Teachers and Leaders

Accomplishments

- Teaching Standards adopted by Board of Regents in January.
- Surveyed school districts' use of commercially available student assessments.
- Surveyed school districts' current teacher and principal evaluation practices.
- Regents Task Force will submit report and recommendations to Regents April 4.
- Fellows supported full Regents Task Force and work groups with research, discussion guides, etc.

Work Underway

- Field testing Performance Based examinations for initial certification of teachers and school building leaders.
- Blue Ribbon Commission of experts reviewing clinically rich graduate teacher preparation programs RFP.
- Draft RFPs: clinically rich principal preparation program; clinically rich undergraduate teacher preparation program; growth and value-added scores for teacher and principal effectiveness; model induction program.
- Fellows and higher ed staff planning for September 2011 Teacher Incentive Fund Program start with Syracuse, Rochester, NYC and Yonkers.



State Activities: School Turnaround

Accomplishments

- Received a \$45.9 million School Improvement Grant Award from USED to supplement the \$308.8 million grant NY was awarded last year.
- Submitted \$170M federal Charter School Program grant application for 2011-2016.
- Issued JIT reports for 18 NYC PLA schools and completed JIT visits to 27 other newly identified PLA schools throughout the State.
- Carried out 54 school visits for SIG planning and implementation recipients, along with district level meetings, in 7 districts.

Work Underway

- Develop continuum of external supports for future SIG schools.
- Issue RFP for School Innovation Fund.
- Conduct JIT visits to newly identified schools; program evaluation visits to schools implementing intervention models.
- Provide support to districts developing Cohort 2 SIG applications for newly identified schools.
- Charter School Authorizing Strategic Planning and review of new charter school applications (37 full charter applications).



State Activities: Network Teams (NT)

Accomplishments

- Approved plans for the creation of 270 Network Teams (or NT Equivalents) for the 638 districts and 76 charters participating in RTTT.
- Created initial performance metrics to monitor NT performance and impact.
- Finalized summer professional development dates (August 1-5, 2011), vendors and location.

Work Underway

- Creating “interim” deliverables for 2011-12 to guide and support NT/NTE’s work.
- Staff, Fellows, and vendors co-developing professional development content (including gathering input from the field).
- Partnering with PBS to define and create video of effective school-based Inquiry Teams at work and supporting resources.
- Collaborating with School Turnaround Office and OISM to begin to define Network Team support in SIG schools.
- Establishing ongoing working relationships with SCDN, RSE-TASC/SEGIS, and NYCDOE to ensure coordinated sustainability of work.
- Developing train-the-trainer model for teacher and principal evaluators.



State Activities: Performance Management

Accomplishments

- Restructured the Department to advance reform initiatives.
- Completed review of 714 LEA final *Scopes of Work*.
- Completed on-line reporting system for LEAs to submit budgets.
- Developed initial set of Assurance Area level performance metrics.
- Developed expedited RFP process for first phase of RFPs (drafting – posting).
- Develop template and intake form to facilitate expedited RFP process.

Work Underway

- Assist Assurance Teams with the development of RFPs/RFQs.
- Develop expedited RFP process for 2nd phase (posting – awarding) and 3rd phase (awarding – contract).
- Develop and monitor performance metrics for each assurance team.
- Develop sub-recipient monitoring plan for USED.
- Prepare for May 3 USED program visit.